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ERIE COUNTY COUNCIL – Regular Meeting

Chairman Breneman called to order a Regular Meeting of the Erie County Council at 7:00 p.m. at the Erie County Council Chambers, 140 West 6th Street, Room 117, Erie, PA. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mrs. Loll read the following prayer/invocation:

“Let us pray. Lord, we are working on things bigger than ourselves, people count on us. Do not let us go the wrong way, help us to pay attention and follow our combined knowledge. We need to stay on course, we have invested our time and knowledge to fashion a good plan. All the citizens expect the right, responsible results from our efforts. Guide us to the true end. We pray this in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.”.

Roll Call

The County Clerk called the roll:

- Members Present:
- Mrs. Fatica
Dr. Foust
Mr. Horton
Mr. Leone
Mrs. Loll
Mr. Breneman
- Members Absent:
- Mr. DiMattio
- Also Present:
- Douglas R. Smith, County Clerk
Sue Ellen Pasquale, Manager of Accounting
James Sparber, Director of Finance
Kathy Dahlkemper, County Executive

Hearing of The Public None.

Approval of Minutes Dr. Foust moved to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2017, Regular meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Leone and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Reports of County Officials County Executive Dahlkemper addressed Council regarding a resolution on the agenda tonight pertaining to the approval of outside counsel to pursue litigation against pharmaceutical companies related to the marketing, prescribing, distribution, or sale of opioids which is believed to have led to a huge epidemic in the country and in Erie County. She stated that it is known that those drugs are extremely addictive and yet for many years they went out and sold them as non-addictive drugs that people could take any amount of these drugs and not become addicted. She commented that it is known that this is absolutely not true. Mrs. Dahlkemper added County government bears the result of that and it starts in the beginning with prevention and drug and alcohol services trying to prevent the use of these type of drugs or any other type of illicit drugs. Then there is treatment where the need for treatment has increased ten-fold in the County. There is the Court system that has to deal with the fallout, and then the most devastating piece – the Office of Children and Youth and the young children and babies who are being born addicted to opioids. Finally, there is the Coroner and the deaths, well over 100 this year in Erie County. They were people in our community who had bright futures until they became addicted and experienced the scourge of this epidemic. Mrs. Dahlkemper was proud to put forth the resolution that will help to go after drug companies and try to get some restitution for Erie County to help cover the costs that will remain

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for decades. She appreciated Council's vote coming up in hopes of moving forward on this litigation.

Mr. Horton stated that the Finance Committee met on Thursday, October 12, 2017, and agreed to place Ordinance 93, 2017, along with Resolutions 38 through 51, 2017, and 3 sales of parcels, on the agenda.

There was no Personnel Committee meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Motion to Amend Agenda

Dr. Foust moved to amend the agenda and table Resolutions 39-45, and Resolution 49. This was seconded by Mr. Horton and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Dr. Foust then made a motion to move Ordinance 93, 2017 to a second reading. This was seconded by Mr. Leone and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Ord. 93, 2017 – GF SA for Vehicle Lease in DA's Ofc.

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 93, 2017, "Thirty-Fifth 2017 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$12,717 Vehicle Lease Donated by Bradford Chrysler Dodge Jeep". This was moved by Dr. Foust, seconded by Mr. Leone and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Res. 38, 2017 – Auth. For App. To DCED For Emerg. Shelter Grant

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 38, 2017, "Authorization to File Application for Funds with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development Emergency Shelter Grant Program in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania". This was moved by Mr. Horton, seconded by Dr. Foust, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Res. 47, 2017 – Appr. CDBG App. & Subm. To DCED

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 47, 2017, "Resolution Approving the FY 2017 Community Development Block Grant Application and Authorizing Its Submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development". This was moved by Mr. Leone, seconded by Mrs. Fatica, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Res. 48, 2017 – Fair Housing Res.

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 48, 2017, "County of Erie Fair Housing Resolution". This was moved by Mr. Leone, seconded by Mr. Horton, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Res. 50, 2017 – Auth. Cty. Sol. To Retain Outside Counsel

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 50, 2017, "Authorizing the County Solicitor to Retain Outside Counsel to Pursue Litigation Related to the Marketing, Prescribing, Distribution, or Sale of Opioids". This was moved by Mrs. Fatica, seconded by Mr. Horton, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Res. 51, 2017 – ECGA Tax Exempt Note

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 51, 2017, "Erie County General Authority Not to Exceed \$3,800,000 Tax-Exempt Note (Erie Homes for Children & Adults, Inc. Project)". This was moved by Mr. Leone, seconded by Dr. Foust, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

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SALE OF PARCELS

Dr. Foust moved to approve the Sale of Parcels from Repository for Unsold Properties at the following index numbers:

- #22-012-025.0-007.56
- #32-002-002.0-006.00
- #45-002-005.0-035.00

This was seconded by Mr. Leone and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

The next regular County Council meeting will be held at the Erie County Courthouse on Monday, October 30, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting then adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Deneé M. Breter, Council Secretary
